

Amendment dated March 4, 2004  
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### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits, for the Examiner's consideration, amended claims. Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 14-15 and 18-21 have been amended to provide further clarification regarding the application of the present invention being disposed within a processing environment, such as a programmed digital computer, see for example paragraphs 21, 35 and 57. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits the present amendments do not add any new subject matter nor are the amendments directly related to patentability rather, the presented claim amendments claim features already inherently contained therein, when the claims are read in view of the specification. For example, paragraphs 21 and 57 says that the methodology of the present invention could be practiced with the aid of an appropriately programmed digital computer.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's entrance of the present preliminary amendment and submit the claims are in condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

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